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PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD **FOREIGN-TRAINED PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT CANDIDATES**

Verification of educational equivalency shall be obtained from a board-approved foreign graduate evaluation service.

You shall submit the following to an approved foreign graduate evaluation service.

1. A verified copy of transcripts from the schools from which secondary education was obtained.
2. A verified copy of the diploma from the school or educational program at which professional physical therapist assistant training was completed;
3. A record of the number of class hours spent in each subject for both pre-professional and professional courses. For subjects which include laboratory and discussion sections, the hours must be described in hours per lecture, hours per laboratory, and hours per discussion per week. Information must include whether subjects have been taken at basic entry or advanced levels; and
4. A syllabus which describes the material covered in each subject completed.
5. Applicants who have been educated in the United Kingdom, must include whether subjects have been taken at the ordinary or advanced level.

The board shall determine whether the applicant's educational training is equivalent to a school of physical therapist assistant approved by the board.

The cost of the evaluation shall be paid by the applicant prior to release of the results. Fees are based on the amount of time required to evaluate, and therefore may vary.

The completed evaluation from a foreign graduate evaluation service must be submitted to the Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board for consideration as a candidate for licensure.

Board-approved foreign graduate evaluation services are:

International Consultants of Delaware, Inc.
PO Box 8629
Philadelphia PA 19101-8629
(215) 222-8454, Ext 510
E-mail: icd@icdel.com
Website: www.icdel.com

International Credentialing Assoc.
Bryan Dairy Business Park II
7245 Bryan Dairy Rd
Largo, FL 33777
(727) 549-8555
Fax: (727) 549-8554

International Education
Research Foundation
Credentials Evaluation Service
PO Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231
(310) 258-9451
Fax: (310) 342-7086
Website: www.ierf.org

Foreign Credentialing Commission
on Physical Therapy, Inc.
PO Box 25827
Alexandria, VA 22313-9998
(703) 684-8406
E-Mail: fccpt@fsbpt.org

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All foreign-trained physical therapist assistant candidates must take and pass the TOEFL examination, the Test of Written English (TWE) and the Test of Spoken English (TSE). A score report for all three examinations must be received by the Board directly from Educational Testing Service (ETS) prior to admission to an oral examination. The score reports must be received no less than three weeks before that oral examination.

TOEFL is a "Test of English as a Foreign Language." The purpose of the TOEFL test is to evaluate the English proficiency of people whose native language is not English. The tests uses a multiple-choice format to measure the ability to understand North American English. It consists of three sections.

TOEFL tests are given on various dates in Wisconsin at locations in Beaver Dam, LaCrosse, Ladysmith, Madison and Milwaukee. The tests are also given elsewhere throughout the USA, and at various locations throughout the world. More information on the TOEFL can be found online at www.toefl.org. **Passing score for TOEFL written is 560, computer is 220.**

The Test of Spoken English measures the ability of nonnative speakers of English to communicate orally in English. The test is approximately 20 minutes long. More information on the TSE can be found online at <http://www.toefl.org/edabttse.html>. **The passing score for the TSE is 50.**

The Test of Written English (TWE[®]) provides information about an examinee's ability to generate and organize ideas on paper, to support those ideas with evidence or examples, and to use the conventions of standard written English. It is intended to complement TOEFL[®] Section 2 (Structure and Written Expression). More information on the TWE can be found online at <http://www.toefl.org/edabttwe.html>. **The passing score for the TWE is 4.5.**

If you have questions about any of these examinations, please contact: TOEFL/TSE/TWE Services, Post Office Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08451-6151, USA, or telephone them at (609) 951-1100, or register.

All foreign-trained candidates are required to take and pass the national license examination approved by the board. An applicant must meet all other licensure requirements prior to taking the licensure examination. Candidates will also be required to take an open book examination on Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Rules.

The Wisconsin Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board has made it a policy that any graduate of a physical therapist assistant program not approved by the American Physical Therapy Association shall pass an oral examination before being issued a license to practice in Wisconsin.

TEMPORARY CREDENTIAL

Foreign-trained physical therapist assistant applicants cannot obtain a temporary credential until they are physically in this country. Additionally, foreign-trained applicants must have taken and passed the TOEFL, the TSE and the TWE. The department must receive an official score report from ETS for each of the three examinations before a temporary credential will be issued. If an applicant fails any examination, the temporary credential becomes null and void. (For further temporary credential information, see Form #2547).